

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES BEFALL THE AMERICAN AVIATORS IN ITALY

(By Associated Press.)
AMERICAN AVIATION TRAINING CAMP, Southern Italy, Jan. 26.—"You can't kill an American," is the dictum of the Italian officers training the several hundred young aviators who have been flying here since the end of September, when, by arrangement with the Italian government, this camp was established. The Americans have such a reputation for luck that Italian soldiers come here so they may touch one of the aviators. "It brings us good luck, too," they explain. The Americans fly from morning until night virtually every day. Not a single one has been killed and but three have been injured at all seriously. One of the latter, on his third trip alone, got into an air

situation which he did not understand, with the result that he stopped his motor, whereupon the machine began to plunge downwards until its fall was checked by the telegraph wires of the railway station of the nearby city. Thence the machine dropped to the ground and was smashed. The aviator was picked up for dead, but in five days he was ready for another fly. The prize story of the camp concerns Harry Harris of California, who got lost, first in the clouds, and then in Central Italy. He was a couple of hours going away and a whole week coming back to camp. As he afterwards explained, he went up for an altitude and when he got above the clouds he was unable to discover whether he was

flying upside down or right side up, or whether the earth was above or below him. Finally, after gazing at a few mountain tops of the Appennines, he lighted in the center of a village square, begging for something to eat. As he couldn't speak Italian, his explanation that he was "Americano" didn't satisfy the local police, who had never heard of American aviators in Italy, but had heard a lot about those of Austria who have the unpleasant habit of dropping bombs on coast towns along the Adriatic. However, he was fed and started campwards, after a couple of days of detention. He had flown nearly a hundred and fifty miles away from camp and when he got back he was accused of having been on a visit to some sweetheart.

MINE WORKERS PROUD OF THEIR SERVICE FLAG

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 26.—After expelling Industrial Workers of the World from membership in the organization if there are any, the United Mine Workers of America went on record as favoring the taking over of the coal mines by the government on condition the union men had the right to make collective bargains. They asked no special privileges in the operation of the selective draft; opposed conscription of labor and adopted a "war resolution" declaring the coal diggers to be in full accord with President Wilson's announcement to make the world safe for democracy and demanding the "unrestricted right of working men and women to organize and deal collectively with their employers. There was no expressed opposition to any of the resolutions and they were adopted in most instances by a unanimous vote. The delegates take great pride in the service flag, containing 19,296 stars, hanging over their heads in the hall, and some of the resolutions brought out the fact of the great

number of mine workers now in the military service. The I. W. W. were expelled by the adoption of a constitutional amendment making them ineligible for membership. The war resolution recited that no statement of words is needed to prove that the "great army of men" the union represents are loyal to the government and that the miners are in full accord with the principle of making the world safe for democracy "forcefully and eloquently," announced by President Wilson. The delegates to the next convention were instructed to prepare a resolution wherein the "war aims of American labor" will be definitely set forth. The resolution on the selective draft stated that the miners stand ready and willing to do their share "in supporting the government in the war and for themselves ask no special privileges."

"Only in the event," said the resolution, "that it should be demonstrated that the members of our organization can render greater service to the country by remaining in the mines than they would be able to render by being drafted into the military service of the government, do we ask that consideration be given to the advisability of making such changes in the application of the selective draft as may be necessary to assure an adequate supply of coal." The declaration on government ownership of the mines stated that the vast majority of the miners are in favor of it on condition the workers be guaranteed a democratic operation with the free and unrestricted right to organize, to maintain their organization and to collectively bargain with the government. The resolution stated the miners were opposed to the kind of government ownership that operates the post office department. The resolution opposing the conscription of labor also requests the national government to take over all unused farm lands and rent them to farmers. The members of the union now in the military service were exempted from paying dues while in the service and all death benefits are to remain in force.

SIoux FALLS GERMAN EDITOR IN TOILS VIOLATION ESPIONAGE ACT

(By Associated Press.)
SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 26.—Federal officers last night raided the office of the Deutscher Herold, a German language newspaper published here; the home of its editor, Conrad Kornman, president of the South Dakota German-American alliance, and the meeting place of the Germania Verein, a local German society.

A number of letters and files seized in the raid were taken in charge by United States Marshal Thomas Taubmann. Kornman and Walter Heynacher of Aberdeen, S. D., have been arrested in that city on warrants issued by the United States district attorney's office, charging violation of the espionage act.

(By Associated Press.)
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 26.—Skiing is a winter sport which is rapidly gaining in the number of its devotees. A number of Norwegians in the city who are expert in the art and its popularity is steadily increasing. For a number of years there has been held an annual skiing tournament, which includes the long distance jumping events. This tournament has attracted large crowds each year. Many women also have become expert on the long runners.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The documents of the Swift company, read into the records of the federal trade commission inquiry today, disclosed an effort of packers to forestall the passage of investigation resolutions. The report of the legal staff of the company to the Swift officers said it believed the "situation serious and recommend everything be done to head off the present movement. We believe as it stands today nothing could stop criminal prosecution."

(By Associated Press.)
KANAB, Utah, Jan. 26.—Deer have been protected in the Kaibab National forest for so long that they are said to be more tame than the steers that range the forest. A number has materially increased during the past few years.

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\$150,000 FOR WELFARE WORK.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—An appropriation of \$150,000 for camp welfare work to be carried on under the supervision of the war department's commission on training activities is announced by the Rockefeller foundation.

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RECEIVERS NAMED FOR THE RIO GRANDE

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 26.—Alexander L. Baldwin of San Francisco, vice-president and general counsel of the Western Pacific railway, and Edward L. Brown, president of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, will be named receivers of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad today by Judge Walter H. Sanborn of St. Paul, sitting in federal district court here, he announced.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CONTINUE CENSUS

STUDENTS MEET WITH OBSTACLES IN TAKING CENSUS OF TONOPAH DISTRICT.

The military census of Tonopah, undertaken for the forest service by the students of the Tonopah High school, is yet far from being complete. The storm has somewhat delayed the work and during the hours at the disposal of the census takers they have not been able to interview the men who are this week on day shift. After the next change in shifts another effort will be made to further the work toward completion.

After their experience of the one afternoon devoted to the work the students realize the extreme difficulty of preparing a census that will at all approach perfection. Many of the foreign element of our population apparently fear that this census means involving them in some manner with military affairs or contributions of some sort in connection with the war and either refuse to reply to the summons at the door or refuse absolutely to give their names or any information concerning themselves or families. In a number of such cases it is possible to send students who understand the language of the objector, and as soon as it is explained that no possible injury can result from their giving the required information the objections are ended. It is possible that the majority of the cases can be handled in this manner and that the census can thus be made fairly complete.

Whether any valuable service has been rendered the government or not the students are making an honest effort to secure the information desired and for themselves they have at least learned something of the difficulties with which their elders have to contend in the drives for the sale of Liberty Bonds, for Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other war work, and this information cannot but have a wholesome effect.

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PLAN DISTRIBUTE COAL EQUABLY

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Division of the country's bituminous coal fields into twenty districts as the first step towards instituting a zone system of coal distribution is under way by the fuel administration. Boundaries for seven of the districts, all east of the Mississippi river, already have been established and Fuel Administrator Garfield has named a representative in each.

With the aid of the railroad administration the fuel administration next will define consuming districts, each to be supplied from one of the producing districts. A joint committee working on the problem probably will announce a definite zoning plan within a few days.

Distribution by zones has been successfully tried out in England. Fuel administration officials say it will work just as well everywhere, saving thousands of miles of transportation and insuring the speediest possible movement of coal from the mine to the consumer. It will eliminate to a great extent cross hauling, generally conceded to be one of the most uneconomic practices in the coal industry.

The district representatives in every instance will be operators or men familiar with coal production. They will allot all orders received from state fuel administrators and will be responsible for the prompt movement of coal. All demands for emergency coal will go directly to them.

The plan calls for periodical reports from the producing district representatives as to the amount of coal each district is mining. These will be turned over to J. D. A. Morrow, manager of distribution and apportionment, who will make up budgets for each consuming district.

OR reports from state fuel administrators. The district representatives will not interfere in any way with the duties of state administrators. Anthracite coal is not included in the zoning plan because most of it is mined in a narrow strip of territory in Pennsylvania.

The consuming districts will be formed as nearly as possible along state lines. Producers in a district serving a specified consuming district will be permitted to sell in no other district. If a consuming district through its state fuel administrator demands more coal than allotted to it, consumption will have to be curtailed unless the national administration decides permanent or temporary readjustments are necessary.

To prevent a situation arising next winter similar to the one that has just forced a shut-down of industries, fuel administration officials plan to create in the summer reserves in every consuming center. These would not be touched except in cases of emergency, and then they would be replaced when the emergency was over.

Reports today indicated that rising temperature had brought considerable improvement in the coal transportation situation in the East, but snow and high winds developed and delayed traffic to some extent.

Creation of a zone system on the Atlantic seaboard for handling freight to seaports was proposed to Director General McAdoo by Representative John R. K. Scott of Pennsylvania, as a means of relieving freight congestion in the East.

Present conditions, Mr. Scott said, have resulted from an attempt to handle nearly all export freight through New York, while other ports were left idle.

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